

To the FCC:

I am very concerned about Sinclair Broadcasting's unfair and anti-democratic ruling which forces Sinclair stations to pre-empt regular programming in order to air an anti-Kerry documentary. This documentary is to air just days before the presidential election; it is difficult to view this as anything but a calculated partisan move to influence the voting public to favor Bush/Cheney on election day.

Sinclair is required to serve the PUBLIC INTEREST, just as any other station is which uses public airways. How is the public interest being served by such biased programming? This is blatant propaganda, framed as truthful news. I am HEARTSICK to see this mockery being made of the broadcast airwaves.

This decision by Sinclair is a blatant example of the perversion of power that consolidated media can bring.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. I still have faith in what the FCC can do to regulate content IN THE GENUINE INTEREST OF DEMOCRACY AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC. Please, please...don't let me, and the rest of your constituents, down.

Most sincerely and urgently,  
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